Enhancement of royalty and licence fee from AH Wheeler and Company

1895. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that Government have been recovering a royalty/licence fee at the rate of 3 to 4 per cent on gross sales turnover for the last 55 years continuously from A.H. Wheeler and Company, a big bookstall contractor; and

(b) if so, whether any proposal to enhance the rate of royalty/licence fee of the above firm on the pattern of catering/vending contract *i.e.*, 12 per cent and 15 per cent on the gross sales turnover is under Government's consideration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The royalty of M/s A.H. Wheeler & Co., had been reviewed from time to time and the royalty at the rate of 4% on the sales turnover is being charged as present.

Status Paper on Railways

†1896. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any response from the public in response to the question raised in 'latest status paper' after the same has been presented in the Parliament;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the steps proposed or being proposed to be taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Status Paper is now being placed on internet for wider publicity.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.